



## **160<sup>TH</sup> SPECIAL OPERATIONS AVIATION REGIMENT**

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## **Chief Warrant Officer 4 Robert M. Johnson**

### **Died on August 19, 2009**

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Chief Warrant Officer 4 Robert M. Johnson, 41, died Aug. 19, 2009, when his MH-60 Blackhawk helicopter crashed near Leadville, Colo., during a training mission.

Johnson was a native of Seattle, Wash., and volunteered for Army service in April 1990. After serving a year in the U.S. Army, Johnson was accepted into the Army Warrant Officer Program at Fort Rucker, Ala., in 1990. Upon graduation from the UH-60 Blackhawk Course, Johnson was assigned to 9th Bn., 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) as an Instructor Pilot. In 1996, Johnson was assigned to 1st Bn., 52nd Aviation Regiment at Seoul, Korea. In 1997, he was assigned to 5th Bn., 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). After a successful assessment in 2001, Johnson was assigned to the 160th SOAR (A), at Fort Campbell, Ky., as an Instructor Pilot and Instrument Flight Examiner. Johnson earned his Bachelor's of Science in Aeronautical Management from Embry-Riddle University in 2009.



He is a combat veteran with 20 deployments, 18 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, one in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, and one in support of operations in Somalia.

His military training includes the Warrant Officer Candidate School, the Aviation Warrant Officer Basic Course, the Aviation Warrant Officer Advanced Course, the Warrant Officer Senior Staff Course, the Action Officer Development Course, the Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape Course, the Sabalauski Air Assault School, the UH-60 Aviator Qualification Course, the UH-60 Instructor Pilot Course, and the Rotary Wing Instructor Flight Examiner Course. Johnson's awards include the Distinguished Flying Cross, two Meritorious Service Medals, two Air Medals for valor, 14 Air Medals, five Army Commendation Medals, six Army Achievement Medals, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, two Valorous Unit Awards, Army Good Conduct Medal, two National Defense Service Medals, Afghanistan Campaign Medal-Campaign Star, Iraqi Campaign Medal-three Campaign Stars, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War On Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, two Overseas Service Ribbons, the United Nations Medal, the Air Assault Badge, the Basic Aviator Badge, the Senior Aviator Badge, and Master Aviator Badge.

Johnson is survived by his wife Sandra Johnson and his daughter and son Morgan and Hatch of Clarksville, Tenn.; and his mother and father, Wells and Connie McGrath, of Enumclaw, Wash.